TAKE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES!

Tips for Writing Letters to Members of Congress
Source: Congressional Management Foundation

1. Make a specific ‘ask’
2. Keep it short (7-10 sentences is fine)
3. Personalize your letter
4. Connect your message to a larger group (i.e., Lutherans or LIRS)
5. Engage in advocacy efforts beyond a letter (town hall meetings, social media, in-district meetings)

Sample Letter to Member of Congress
The Honorable [Full Name]
Washington, DC

Dear Senator/Representative [Last Name]:

As your constituent [and a person of faith], I am deeply concerned about the historically low refugee admissions this year and urge you to raise admissions level to 95,000 for fiscal year 2021. We are facing the worst refugee crisis in recorded history with 79.5 million forcibly displaced people in the world, including 26 million refugees, over half of whom are children. Refugees are of special humanitarian concern to the U.S. and are a testament to our nation’s long, proud history as a beacon of hope.

[Share a personal story about why helping and welcoming refugees is important to you (your faith, your community, your business, your family or background etc.) Let them know the specific ways that refugees benefit and are welcomed into your community, and why refugee protection is so important to you. Make it personal!]

Since World War II, the U.S. has been the global leader in offering refuge to people escaping persecution, war or violence in their home country. I know the U.S. is capable of doing more and call on you to hold the Administration accountable to returning refugee admissions to historic norms. I also urge you to co-sponsor [Insert name of legislation here]. My community welcomes refugees. Please reflect the best of our nation by supporting refugee resettlement.

Sincerely,
Signature
Name (print)
Address, City, State, Zip Code